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AMENDMENTS TO H. BILL No. 11.]

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Reported by Select Committee.

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REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

The Select Committee, to whom was referred the Senate bill, No. 4, entitled "A Bill to Provide Clothing for North-Carolina Troops, and for other purposes," beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and recommend that it do not pass. The same Committee, to whom was referred House bill, No. 11, entitled, "An Act for the Purchase of Provision," have had the same under consideration, and recommend that it be amended by striking out all after the words "an act," and that the following amendments be made.

J. W. ELLIS, *Chairman.*

Nov. 28th, 1862.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE CLOTHING, AND ALL OTHER NECESSARY QUARTER MASTERS' SUPPLIES FOR NORTH CAROLINA TROOPS, AND TO FORWARD TO SAID TROOPS ALL VOLUNTARY DONATIONS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR SECURING SUPPLIES FOR THE DESTITUTE FAMILIES OF SOLDIERS NOW IN MILITARY SERVICE, AND OTHER PURPOSES.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the Governor of said State be*

4 and he is hereby authorized and directed, immediately af-
5 ter the passage of this act, to issue his proclamation, sum-
6 moning the Justices of the Peace in each county in the
7 State, to meet at the Court House in their respective coun-
8 ties, on the earliest day practicable, to be fixed by him,
9 then and there to elect some suitable, energetic, prudent
10 and skillful person in said county, to act as an Assistant
11 Quarter Master for said county, and return the result of
12 such election to the Secretary of State forthwith. The
13 Governor shall, at the time he issues such proclamation,
14 forward the proper blank bond to the Chairman of the
15 County Court, to be filled by such Assistant Quarter Mas-
16 ter when elected.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the person so elect-
2 ed shall forthwith execute a bond, with at least four re-
3 sponsible sureties, in the sum of ten thousand dollars,
4 made payable to the State of North-Carolina, conditioned
5 for the faithful performance of the duties of his said office
6 as Assistant Quarter Master according to law. Said bond
7 shall be taken and approved by a majority of the Magis-
8 trates holding the election, and the solvency of said bond
9 shall be certified by the Chairman of the County Court ;
10 it shall be registered in the Register's office in the county
11 wherein it is executed ; a duplicate copy of its registration
12 shall be filed with the Clerk of the Superior Court of the
13 county ; a duplicate copy and the original bond shall be
14 forwarded by the Register to the Comptroller of the State,
15 and filed in his office.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That said Assistant Quar-
2 ter Master shall have the rank and pay of a first Lieuten-
3 ant in the State service, and, upon the return of his elec-
4 tion, shall be commissioned by the Governor as such, and
5 continue in office until the County Court, ten Justices be-
6 ing present, shall declare his office vacant and of no fur-
7 ther use. When the Court shall so declare, the Clerk
8 shall notify the State Treasurer of such vacancy, and the

9 pay of such Assistant Quarter Master shall cease from the
10 date his office became vacant.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty
2 of such Assistant Quarter Master, and he is hereby author-
3 ized and empowered to contract for and in the name of the
4 State, and to buy up for the use of the State such articles
5 as may be necessary for the use of the army, and as he
6 may be required to do, from time to time, by the Quarter
7 Master General of the State,—making all such purchases
8 at the lowest possible prices and most accommodating
9 terms.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That said Assistant Quar-
2 ter Master, as soon as he shall have collected a sufficient
3 number of any of the articles he is authorized, directed or
4 ordered to purchase, to make a box, bale or package, he
5 shall carefully pack, mark and forward them to the Quar-
6 ter Master General at Raleigh, or to such other place,
7 places, person or persons as he may be ordered to send
8 them, paying transportation for the same.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That said Assistant
2 Quarter Master be, and he is hereby authorized and em-
3 powered to purchase such articles of provisions as may be
4 necessary for the support of the families of soldiers, and
5 the indigent of said counties, at just and fair prices ; and
6 it shall be the duty of said Assistant Quarter Master, to
7 sell the same to all such families at prime cost, and sup-
8 plying gratis, those unable to buy, upon the order of the
9 committee of Finance of his county, and in counties ex-
10 posed to, or in danger of being invaded by the enemy, it
11 shall be the duty of all such Assistant Quarter Masters to
12 collect all such supplies of provision as can be spared by
13 the citizens of said counties, and furnish transportation for
14 the same, to places more remote and in the interior, for
15 storage and safe keeping, and in counties where said As-
16 sistant Quarter Master can, and have procured larger sup-
17 plies of such provisions, than the families of soldiers and
18 the indigent of said counties require—they shall transfer

19 the same to such Assistant Quarter Masters in other coun-
20 ties, where such supplies could not be obtained in suffi-
21 ent quantities to meet the wants of such county, transfer-
22 ing the same upon requisitions approved by the committee
23 of Finance for the county to which such provisions are
24 sought to be transfered. *Provided*, nothing herein con-
25 tained shall be construed to interfere with the rights and
26 duties of the wardens of the poor in the several counties in
27 this State.

SEC. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That said Assistant Quar-
2 ter Master be authorized and empowered to make requisi-
3 tions with the approval of the committee of finance, and
4 under the seal of the county court, upon the State Treasu-
5 rer for such sums of money, not exceeding at any one time
6 the amount of his official bond, as will enable him to carry
7 out the provisions of this act, and upon such requisition the
8 Treasurer shall pay the same.

SEC. 8. *Be it further enacted*, That said Assistant Quar-
2 ter Master shall keep books, fully setting forth every item
3 of his purchases, the price and the person from whom pur-
4 chased, the price and the person to whom sold or transfer-
5 red, and all his expenditures for transportation, and for all
6 money paid out for anything in connection with the trans-
7 actions of his said office; he shall take the duplicate re-
8 ceipts of the person to whom paid, naming the article or
9 service paid for; one copy of these receipts with his re-
10 port made at the end of each month, and approved by the
11 Committee of Finance, and setting forth his whole receipts,
12 purchases and expenditures, he shall transmit to the State
13 Treasurer.

SEC. 9. *Be it further enacted*, That for any violations of
2 the provisions of this act, or the breaches of his official
3 bond, the said Assistant Quarter Master shall be subject
4 to suit in the Superior Court of Wake county in like man-
5 ner, and under the rules prescribed in cases of delinquent
6 sheriffs, and the Treasurer is authorised to move on such
7 defaulter's bond in said Court, and upon information re-

8 ceived from any citizen, or the Committee of Finance of
9 the county where said Assistant Quarter Master resides,
10 of any improper conduct, malfeasance, malpractice, fraud,
11 speculation in public funds, paying unreasonable high
12 prices, or aiding in extortion in any way, it shall be the
13 duty of the Treasurer to move on his official bond for
14 damages, in the name of the State, and such Assistant
15 Quarter Master shall be subject to indictment for misde-
16 meanor in the Superior Court of his county.

SEC. 10. *Be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty
2 of such Assistant Quarter Master to take and receive into
3 his possession all voluntary contributions or donations of
4 clothing for the use of soldiers from his county ; keeping
5 an account of the article, the person giving, and the regi-
6 ment, company, soldier or soldiers to whom the articles are
7 sent, giving his receipts to the donor for such article, and
8 at the end of each month he shall forward said articles to
9 their proper place of destination, under the care of some
10 prudent person selected by him for that purpose, paying
11 transportation for the same.

SEC. 11. *Be it further enacted*, That for any refusal on
2 the part of the said Assistant Quarter Master to carry out
3 the provisions in Sec. 10 of this act, he shall be subject to
4 indictment in the Superior Court of his county, and, on
5 conviction, shall be fined not more than \$500, nor less
6 than \$100.

SEC. 12. *Be it further enacted*, That whenever, in the
2 opinion of the Governor, it shall be deemed necessary for
3 the public good, he shall have power to have the official
4 bonds of any one or more of said Assistant Quarter Mas-
5 ters raised to such sum as he may think proper ; and under
6 the provisions of this act, such Assistant Quarter Master
7 shall draw upon the Treasurer for any sum equal to the
8 amount of his bond, which shall be expended in buying
9 up and disposing of provision in the manner set forth in
10 this act: *Provided*, That nothing contained in this act
11 shall be construed to alter or interfere with the rights and

12 duties of the Quarter Master General of this State, or of
13 any agent of the Confederate States.

SEC. 13. *Be it further enacted*, That a sum not exceed-
2 ing one million of dollars be, and the same is hereby ap-
3 propriated for the purpose of carrying out the provisions
4 of this bill, out of any unexpended money, to be drawn
5 from the Treasury in the manner herein set forth.

SEC. 14. *Be it further enacted*, That the Railroad and
2 Steamboat Companies be, and they are hereby requested
3 to transport without delay all stores raised by said Assis-
4 tant Quarter Masters, to points upon their lines within this
5 State; and Railroad and Steamboat Companies in other
6 States are requested to give their assistance in furthering
7 the provisions of this act, for the purpose of getting sup-
8 plies to our troops.

SEC. 15. *Be it further enacted*, That this act be in force
2 from and after its ratification.



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